

George L. King Held In New York City Is Believed to Be Leader of Band of Criminals

New York, Dec. 26.—The murder of "Monk" Eastman, once notorious gang leader by an unidentified assailant, and the holding in \$100,000 bail of George L. King, believed to be leader of a criminal band of nation wide activity, were outstanding features to day in New York's crime situation.

King was arraigned in a Brooklyn court on a short affidavit charging as

confessed, following his arrest yesterday that he directed the holdup and robbery several weeks ago of Henry Fettel, wealthy retired real estate operator, in his Brooklyn home. Bail was placed at \$100,000 at the request of the State.

for various offenses. King is wanted in California and other States. He is said to have served a seven years prison sentence for conviction of forgery in California.

King, well dressed, and of engaging personality, registered himself, the police claim, with "palatial" hotel, where many accomplices, who "carry out the job." He told the police, they said, that he had been in Boston, Cleveland and New Orleans, since the Fettel robbery.

King, charged with the assault and robbery late Christmas night of James Kay, Brooklyn cafe owner, were held \$25,000 bail each when arraigned in court today. Kay was beaten into insensibility when he fought robbers who rifled his pockets. He is in a hospital suffering from severe cuts and bruises.

Theodore Simon, sales manager, stood with a milkman in an upstairs bed room of his Bronx residence while burglar on Christmas eve ransacked a room on the second floor and escaped with diamonds valued at \$10,000. Simon was today Simon, the police said, was afraid to fight the robbers because neither he nor the milkman had firearms.

Wearing a soldier's uniform, which the police claim, he used as a shield for operation, was sentenced to the State Prison. Purly was arraigned in the

Purdy told the police he was taking treatment at a hospital for wounds suffered during the war. Inquiry at the

hospital, the police said, revealed the fact that the man was not known there. He was held in a \$1000 bail for a hearing to-morrow.

Thomas Quino, arrested this morning after a fight with detectives, was held in \$15,000 bail for examination when arraigned charged with the assault and robbery two weeks ago of a Forty Second street restaurateur.

THOSE WHO HAVE HAD

Washington, Dec. 27.—Influenza attacks carry with them "a definite immunity to subsequent attacks, lasting several

years" according to conclusions reached by the committee after intensive study in the homes where the disease was epidemic in 1918-19.

"Inasmuch as the epidemic of 1918 and 1919 affected so very large a proportion of the population," the statement by Surgeon General Cumming added, "there is no reason to believe that the present outbreak is anything but a definite proof for believing that even should the 'flu' become prevalent here and there this winter, it would not assume the epidemic proportions of the past two years, nor would it rage in such severe form."

Dr. Cumming pointed out, however, that the reason to be "definitely for telling" whether this winter would witness and recurrence of influenza in epidemic form. He added that it was unfortunate that the public took such interest in spectacular epidemic outbreaks of disease and was so ignorant of the steadily occurring occurrence of preventable death.

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Rutland, Dec. 26.—Alonzo, also known as Elmer, Whitton, of Fair Haven and Rutland, is under arrest at Adams, Mass.

Whitton was in the abdomen with a revolver at the Berkshire Inn in Adams. The officer was attempting to arrest the former Vermont inmate who had, the day previous, sawed his way out of the House of Correction at Pittsfield, where he was serving an eight-year term for armed robbery. When the guests went to the assistance of Daniels, the armed fugitive was overpowered. Daniels is in a hospital in a critical condition.

Whitton was born in Poulinay 25 years ago and lived for a long time at Fair Haven. He was married to Esther Roberts, at Fair Haven, on June 20, 1914, deserting her for a woman named Helen. A month later the child was born to her.

Through Massachusetts newspapers Mr.

married Anna La Fleur of North Adams Mass., and it was on her complaint that the man was sentenced for bigamy.

HAS \$50,000 CAPITAL

**Ricker Livestock Firm Incorporates—
Springfield Real Estate Company**
Montpelier, Dec. 23.—The Ricker Livestock Inc. of St. Johnsbury has filed

The Lawrance & Wheeler Real Estate company of Springfield, with a capital stock of \$5,000, has elected articles of association in the same office for the purpose of handling property. The papers are signed by M. L. and W. C. Lawrance and Alice M. Wheeler of that town.

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